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Applicant : Kristine B. Fuimaono  
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Title : IRRIGATION PROBE FOR ABLATION  
DURING OPEN HEART SURGERY  
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Examiner : C.L. Rodriguez  
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 40, 50 and 53. All of the pending claims, claims 2 to 39, 41 to 49, 51 and 52 follow:

2. An irrigation ablation probe comprising:  
a probe body having proximal and distal ends and comprising an ablation electrode at its distal end, wherein the ablation electrode defines an inner cavity, the ablation electrode having at least one irrigation opening through which fluid can pass from the inner cavity to the outside of the ablation electrode, the probe body being